

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Paul McAfee

Serial Number: 10/645,202

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For: METAL BACKED UHMWPE ROD  
SLEEVE SYSTEM PRESERVING  
SPINAL MOTION

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Group Art Unit: 3733

Examiner: Richard Shaffer

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006 ("Office Action"), Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for making this response, and responds as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.